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EXTRACT TRANSLATION

DECREES OF THE PRESIDIUM OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES USSR ON  
THE STATE AND WORK OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES IN THE INSTITUTES  
AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. 24 - 26 AUGUST 1948

Academician S. I. Vavilov, President  
and Academician N. G. Bruyevich, Secretary  
Academy of Sciences USSR

The session of the All-Union Academy of Agricultural Science under V.I. Lenin (VASENII) set before Soviet biological science a number of tasks which will greatly increase the role of this field of science in the building of a greater USSR. One of the first steps toward the accomplishment of this goal is to purge the anti-Michurinian factions among the scientific personnel of the USSR. It was in this session that the Academy of Sciences first became thoroughly aware of the existence of two diametrically opposed theories on heredity: the Mendelian theory and the nationally accepted Michurinian theory.

It is discouraging to note that the Academy of Sciences, not only failed to oppose the reactionary bourgeois trend in biological sciences, but actually aided the supporters of the formal genetic theory who were established in such institutions as the Institute of Cytology, the Institute of Evolutionary Morphology, the Institute of Plant Physiology, in the Central Botanical Gardens, and other Biological Institutes of the Academy of Sciences. The Presidium of the Academy of Sciences USSR has been operating unsatisfactorily.

It was not until Academician T. D. Lyenko's startling revelation that any steps were taken to control the widespread infiltration of bourgeois ideology into the various institutes and departments of the Academy of Sciences.

Thus, in an attempt to correct the error committed, the Presidium of the Academy of Sciences USSR recommends that the Department of Biological Sciences, biologists, naturalists, and all workers of the Academy of Sciences, basically correct the trends of their research, and take up the fight against the

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idealistic and reactionary factions in science. The Naturalist-Scientific Institutes of the Academy of Sciences must carry out an active struggle to further national biological science, and particularly to further the principles and ideals which were propounded by I. V. Michurin, V. V. Dokuchayev, V. R. Wil'yams, and T. D. Lyenko.

Therefore, the Presidium of the Academy of Sciences USSR hereby decrees that:

1. Academician L. A. Orbeli is to be released from his position as Academician Secretary of the Department of Biological Sciences. Academician A. I. Oparin is elected to fill Academician Orbeli's unexpired term. Academician T. D. Lyenko is assigned to the staff of the Department of Biological Sciences.
2. Academician I. I. Shmal'gauzen is to be released from his position as Director of the Institute of Evolutionary Morphology imeni A. N. Severtsov.
3. N. P. Dubinin, Corresponding Member of the Academy of Sciences, is to be relieved of his duties in the Cytogenetics Laboratory, Institute of Cytology, Histology and Embryology, because he is unfit for these duties due to his pseudo-scientific tendencies. The Laboratory of Botanical Cytology in the same institute will be abolished. The Phasogenetics Laboratory in the Institute of Evolutionary Morphology imeni A. N. Severtsov will also be abolished.
4. The Staff of the Department of Biological Sciences will review its plans for 1948-1950, and revise them in accordance with the theory.
5. The Editing and Publishing Council and the Department of Biological Sciences will combine their efforts and publish a series known as "Classics of Science," on the Michurinian theory. This series is to be published sometime during 1948-1949.
6. Investigations will be conducted to determine the scientific leanings of personnel of scientific enterprises of the Biological Institute, the publishing staffs of biological publications, and to replace all those who have ideals contrary to those accepted by the Michurinian scientists.
7. The Department of History and Philosophy will emphasize the role of the Michurinian theory in the development of Soviet Biology.
8. The staff of the Department of Biological Science will investigate the scientific inclinations of the personnel of the department. Within one month plans will be submitted for reorganization of the Institute of Evolutionary Morphology imeni A. N. Severtsov and the Institute of Cytology, Histology and Embryology.
9. The Editing and Publishing Council will, within one month, reorganize their schedules in order to publish more material dealing with the Michurinian theory.
10. The Department of Biological Sciences will hold a meeting in October 1948 when there will be a general discussion on the development of the Michurinian theory of Biology. This session is to be attended by members of the All-Union Academy of Agricultural Sciences, biological enterprises of the Republican Academies, and affiliates and branches of the Academy of Sciences USSR.

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11. The staff of the Department of Biological Sciences will review its plans for the preparation of Candidates and Aspirants for appointment to the Department of Biological Scientists, and to teach them the fundamentals of Michurinian biological science.

12. These proceedings of the Presidium will be published in the coming issue of the journal, Vestnik Akademii Nauk SSSR.

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